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Pope Tells 400,000 Conflict on Red Issue Engulfs All Humanity

VATICAN CITY, March 28 (AP)—Pope Pius XII declared today Italy and the world have reached the crossroads in the struggle against Communism—"the great hour of Christian conscience has sounded."

He spoke to 400,000 Italians and people from all over the world. They crowded into St. Peter's square and filled the roofs of buildings surrounding it to receive the Pope's Easter blessing. The assembly dwarfed all political rallies that have been held for the April 16 elections in which Italians will decide whether Communists shall control their government.

The Pontiff, dressed all in white, spoke from the center balcony of St. Peter's high above the heads of the cheering mass. He said the moment is one of singular gravity and importance to the world.

As is his custom, Pope Pius did not mention Communism by name. But no one doubted whom he meant when he quoted from St. Matthew the "terrible verdict" of Christ: "He that is not with me is against me."

"YOU BELOVED sons and daughters, well comprehend what such a crossroads signifies and contains for Rome, for Italy, for the world," the Pope said.

"In your conscience, aroused to full understanding of its responsibility, there is no place for blind credulity toward those who at first are abundant with affirmations of respect for religion, but then, alas, reveal themselves the deniers of that which is most sacred."

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"YOUR CONSCIENCE knows that the realization of social justice and peace among the nations can never be achieved or preserved if the eyes are closed to the light of Christ and the ears opened instead to the erroneous words of agitators who make the religion of Christ the cornerstone of their work."

"Rome, he said, is 'in the midst of a turning of the times which requires of the head and members of Christianity the highest vigilance, unfiring preparedness and unconditioned action.'

"Watch and pray," he admonished the Romans. "Awake and pray. The great hour of Christian conscience has sounded."

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READING COMPANY Police-man John Parker, who assisted Fitzelson to the emergency wagon, said that the borough man was not badly cut by the accident, nor was his new light suit torn.

Early this morning, officials of the Reading company said they had as yet uncovered no witnesses to the accident, but had assigned Investigator John Saul to the case.

Identification of Fitzelson was made at Philadelphia's city morgue through personal papers found in his wallet.

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Tolerance for Reds Blamed by Chiang For Chinese War

NANKING, March 28 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek today blamed China's civil war on his tolerance of the Communist during the Japanese invasion, but said it was a mistake he would not make again.

The Chinese chieftain spoke at a farewell meeting of the People's Political council, formed as a government advisory body ten years ago.

"I have committed many blunders during those ten years," he said, "but the worst was my tolerance toward the Communists."

"I allowed them to take part in the People's Political council and gave them other privileges which resulted in our present civil war."

Chiang admitted his concern over the present state of affairs, but asserted, "In my opinion, both the international and national situations clouded though they may be—were far from unfavorable in 1938 than to-day."

This was challenged by Chang Po-Ling, chairman of the meeting, who warned Chiang:

"The general morale of our people is lower today than ten years ago. As it may that the situation is better, we must admit that the people are most unhappy."

Chiang reminded the council that when it was formed "we lacked even a national capital," and said, "I sincerely believe the national safety is more secure today than at the beginning of the war with Japan."

THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, warmer this afternoon. Fair and not so cold tonight. Some cloudiness and warmer tomorrow.

41 Mercury 26

High Antics Low

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and

early this morning were:

4 a. m. 41 4 p. m. 37

5 a. m. 37 5 p. m. 37

6 a. m. 35 6 p. m. 33

7 a. m. 37 7 p. m. 33

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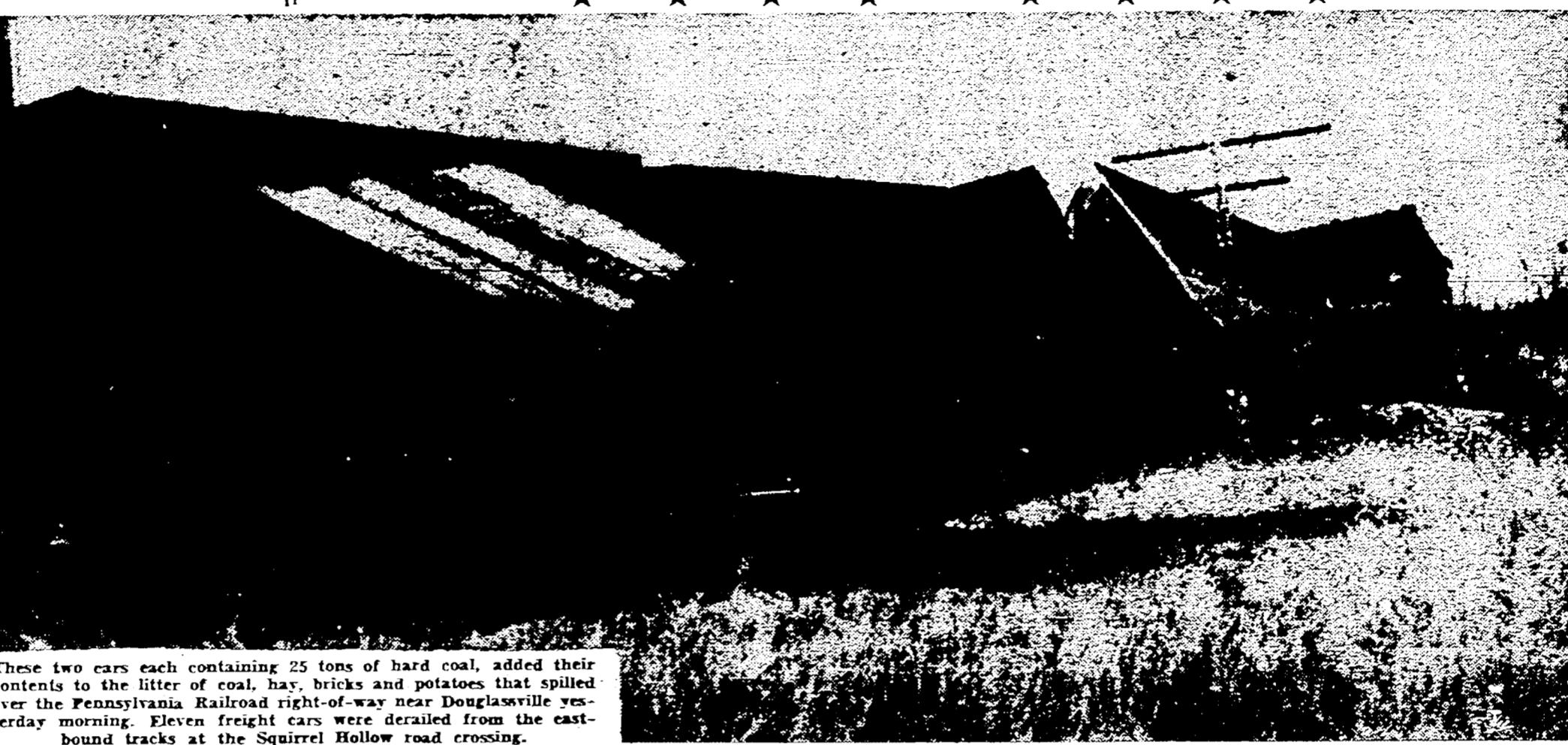
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2 p. m. 36 2 p. m. 27

3 p. m. 36 3 p. m. 27

Coal Loads Spilled in Rail Wreck



These two cars each containing 25 tons of hard coal, added their contents to the litter of coal, hay, bricks and potatoes that spilled over the Pennsylvania Railroad right-of-way near Douglassville yesterday morning. Eleven freight cars were derailed from the eastbound tracks at the Squirrel Hollow road crossing.

PEPPER ATTACKS RED AGGRESSION

Urge Final Effort To Avert War; Proposes Truman, Stalin Meet

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), who has said kind things of Russia in years past, turned on her today with a blunt charge of aggression upon her neighbors. He said it offends our sense of freedom.

Then, warning that we are "on the very brink" of war, the Senator appealed to President Truman to make a "last dramatic effort" for peace in a personal meeting with Generalissimo Stalin.

Pepper said he wants Mr. Truman to propose to Stalin "an American plan for peace" which would (1) call a halt to physical and ideological aggression by all nations and (2) promise our economic help to those who conform.

"This is not a proposed meeting for appeasement," Pepper declared, as he outlined his ideas in an interview.

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Youth Sent to Jail For Assault on Man In South Pottstown

A 20-year-old Pottstown RD 1 youth accused of kicking a 72-year-old man on the head in a South Pottstown man yesterday noon told Justice of the Peace Ralph W. Ralston, South Pottstown, last night, "I was only fooling."

Ralston was charged technically with drunk and disorderly conduct and assault and battery, pleading guilty to both counts at the hearing.

When he failed to produce a \$10 fine and costs on the lesser charge, Ralston sentenced him to 30 days in Chester county prison.

Ralston added that when Paup is released, a derainer will be lodged against him on the assault and battery charge, for which he could be sentenced to from 6 to 18 months in prison by Chester county court.

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Paup spent the night in jail.

Close behind was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Hasselhan, Douglassville RD 1, who was born at 1:40 a. m., weighing a trim 6 pounds and 8 ounces.

After the Hasselhan birth, the baby-beaten staff took a look around the maternity ward, and signed in relief. Not an expectant mother in sight.

Then at 3:05 a. m. Mrs. Carlos Trollingher, of 307 North Evans Street, arrived and at 4:55 a. m. a second baby girl was born, weighing 7 pounds even.

Memorial hospital, meanwhile, failed to produce a genuine Easter infant, although several were born Saturday.

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Six Freight Cars Are Demolished In Derailment Near Douglassville

BRAKE RIGGING IS BLAMED FOR RAIL ACCIDENT

11 Units of Pennsy Road Train Leave Tracks, Dump Cargo; No One Injured

Six of 11 derailed freight cars were demolished yesterday morning on the eastbound track of the Pennsylvania railroad, one mile east of Douglassville.

The derailment occurred at 9:45 a. m., just past the Squirrel Hollow road crossing. No one was injured in the wreck which affected the last 11 cars of a 63-car train.

Hay, potatoes, bricks and coal were strewn along the tracks and embankment, but it was expected that the line would be cleared early this morning.

The accident was caused when a brake rigging on the first derailed car sagged from its mooring, almost one-quarter mile west of the crossing.

WHEN THE CAR reached the Squirrel Hollow road crossing, the rigging caught on the road level, and the 11 cars were violently pulled from the tracks.

The caboose and the four cars ahead of it remained upright, but five others tumbled into a small gully running parallel to the tracks, containing a thin stream of water.

FIVE OF THE cars involved contained coal, a total of 125 tons. Four cars contained hay, one potatoes and one bricks.

Mostly coal was spilled along the right-of-way, but some of the other materials also was thrown out. Railroad police officer Paul R. Anderson said that most of the bricks and hay remained usable, and that many of the potatoes were unaffected.

Much of the hard coal, however, could not be salvaged, he declared. The fuel was for home use, and consisted of egg, nut and rice sizes.

TWO WRECKING CREWS, from Philadelphia and Pottsville, arrived at the scene of the accident and went to work raising the rear cars back to the tracks and cutting the demolished metal gondolas to remove them piece by piece from the tracks.

One wooden freight car was shattered and almost snapped in two by the force of the derailment, and two coal gondolas were twisted like putty as they left the rails and tumbled down the embankment.

Two wheel trucks, torn loose from their moorings, lay in the fields after they were ripped from the steel freight cars.

TRAIN CREWMEN and repairmen worked all day long and long into the night to clear the tracks. (Continued on Page Five)

EGG HUNT GIVEN SURPRISE TOUCH

Bunny Makes It 'Real' Thing

But as Mrs. Buchert swung the doors aside to let the children out, no one moved. Fifty jaws sagged slowly open and 50 pairs of eyes bulged.

For there, loping across the deserted yard was a large, fluffy cottontail rabbit—unmistakably the Easter Bunny.

Mrs. Buchert said the rabbit came out of the cemetery, cantered across the yard and disappeared into some woods on the other side. Nobody saw him lay an egg. But there were no doubts.

But as Mrs. Buchert swung the doors aside to let the children out, no one moved. Fifty jaws sagged slowly open and 50 pairs of eyes bulged.

After the transfixion wore off the youngsters, ranging from tots just out of the cradle to ten-year-olds, raced around collecting all the eggs, which were later distributed evenly to all. In addition, each child got a handful of jelly beans.

Mrs. Buchert said two fathers released two tame white rabbits two years ago trying for the same effect as Saturday's, but the children were not half so impressed. Saturday's bunny was not a "plant," the superintendent insisted.

Sponsored by the Pottstown Kiwanis club and Recreation commission, the hunt was to have been held at 2 p. m. Saturday, but spasmodic rains during the morning made the sponsors decide to reschedule the event at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

There will be more than 4600 eggs available, plus 106 prizes for sharp-eyed youngsters.

The contestants will be divided into three age groups—the Tot group, for those four years old or younger; the Junior group, for youngsters five to seven years old, and the Senior group, for those eight to 11 years old.

SIGNS WILL be posted for each group so boys and girls can gather in their own division before their part of the contest begins.

Although the weather outlook for today favors the holding of the hunt, tomorrow at 2 p. m. will be the new date if premature April showers come Pottstown's way.

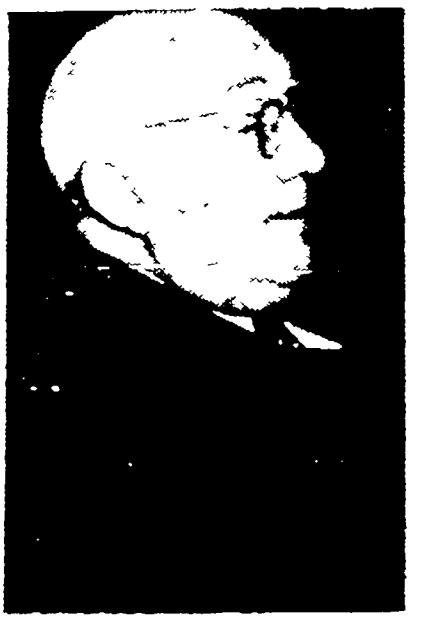
This is the earliest that Pottstown's rivals to Capistrano's swallows have come back in the 60-some years the mart

Democrats to Fight Armed Help For China, Greece Under Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, March 28 (P)—An attempt to remove military aid for China, Turkey and Greece from the \$6,255,000,000 House foreign aid bill was pre-empted today by Rep. Mansfield (D-Mo.).

But all efforts pointed toward failure, for that and for most other amendments to the big bill to build up non-Communist countries around the world.

After Marshall's Scalp



Rep. Harold Knutson (R-Minn) (left) said yesterday in Washington that General George C. Marshall (below), present secretary of state, must be ousted from his post if the U. S. is to avert war. Knutson said "General Marshall may be a great soldier but he is not a diplomat. In the field of diplomacy he must be ranked as a complete failure." Knutson has long been a critic of the nation's foreign policy.



Knutson Raps Marshall as A 'Failure'

WASHINGTON, March 28 (P)—Rep. Knutson (R-Minn) said today that General George C. Marshall must be ousted as secretary of state "if we would avert war."

The Minnesotan, chairman of the House ways and means committee, has long been critical of administration foreign policy. He declared Marshall has been a "complete failure" as secretary of state and described his as "pompous, self-opinionated in the extreme, vacillating and unpredictable."

The statement was made in an editorial Knutson wrote for his weekly newspaper, the Wadena, Minn., Pioneer Journal. He said:

"THESE ARE critical times all over the world, and yet we have no fixed foreign policy. We are moving from pillar to post and if we would avert war Marshall must be replaced without delay."

"It is tragic that the foreign affairs of our government are in the hands of two incompetents—Truman and Marshall."

Knutson, in handing a copy of his editorial to a reporter, said he intends "to vote against the \$6,205,000,000 foreign aid program that comes to a show down in the House this week."

His editorial said Marshall has failed in all his diplomatic assignments—in China, in his effort to iron out differences between Russia and the United States, and in the handling of the Palestine question.

"General Marshall may be a great soldier," Knutson said, "but he is not a diplomat. In the field of diplomacy he must be ranked as a complete failure."

Reds Say Sweden Plans to Give Bases To American Planes

MOSCOW, March 28 (P)—The newspapers of Russia's army and navy accused Sweden's military commander today of planning to build bases for United States planes and paratroop troops on Swedish soil.

The papers Red Star and Red Fleet, said a war cloud is straining to control the Swedish government.

The accusations came a day after the government newspaper Iverstia accused the Norwegian government of planning to lease military bases to the Americans and British. Simultaneously, Finnish negotiators are in Moscow for discussions looking toward a treaty of cooperation. It is obvious that a Finnish-Soviet friendship pact would strengthen substantially the Soviet position in northern Scandinavia.

To some Moscow observers the attacks on Sweden and Norway indicate the importance the Russians are attaching to the west, negotiations with France.

COMMENTATOR V. SEVENOV wrote the article in Red Fleet. He said the Swedish commander in command Gen. Hans Jorg is attempting to do the job of Sweden's armed forces as an spokesman of the American war machine and to subject the foreign policy of Sweden to the expediencies of the United States in northern Europe."

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LEWIS GIVEN FINAL WARNING

Subpoena Prepared If Mine Chief Averts Testifying to Inquiry Unit

WASHINGTON, March 28 (P)—President Truman's inquiry board in the coal strike was reported ready today to name Federal marshals serve a subpoena on John L. Lewis if the mine union leader fails to show up tomorrow for board hearings.

The board gave Lewis until 10 a.m. to decide his course.

The three factfinders headed by Federal Judge Sherman Minton have been stalled since Friday in their announced aim of speeding a report on the miners' pension dispute to the White House.

The board's report is a required step under the Taft-Hartley acts emergency provisions before Mr. Truman can instruct the Justice department to apply for court order to halt the strike, now 13 days old.

LEWIS FAILED to show up the past Friday at the board's invitation. Instead he sent a message saying he might tell the board his position Monday after his lawyers studied "the legal questions involved."

Over the weekend the inquiry board consulted a lawyer too. He was Joseph Freedman, Justice department attorney in charge of Taft-Hartley act enforcement. The board's subpoena powers was among subjects discussed.

The board continued today studying data already presented by coal operators presenting their side of the dispute.

Lewis wants a \$100 monthly pen on all miners 60 or older with 20 years' service in the mines. The operators say the amount is too expensive for the \$32,000,000 miners' welfare fund to support.

They say too that only working miners whose employers have contributed 10-cent tonnage royalty payments on coal production are legally entitled to fund benefits.

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NLRB Bars 'Fronts' For Union Officers

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39 YEARS IN POTTSSTOWN

Navy Quits Search For Mysterious Sub

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28 (P)—The Navy has called off its search for the unidentified submarine reported 60 miles off San Francisco at dawn yesterday, a Naval spokesman said today.

Mansfield is a member of the foreign affairs committee, which will push the bill into the voting stage on the House floor tomorrow.

The bill offers American money and military advice to friendly Euro-

pean nations and China.

Passage with votes to spare is expected Tuesday or Wednesday.

FOR MILITARY help, the bill carries \$275,000,000 for Greece and Turkey and \$350,000,000 for China. Democrats fought in the foreign affairs committee against putting in the military money. The administration didn't ask for it originally, and the Democrats said it hadn't received enough study.

Mansfield told a reporter the battle will be shifted to the House floor. He said he won't offer the amendment to knock out military provisions, "but somehow, will you can bark on that."

The prospects of getting anywhere were something else. Republicans have the votes to beat it.

Rep. Bloom (D-N.Y.) senior Democrat on the foreign affairs committee, told a reporter "We're pretty much resigned to taking the bill as it is. What can we do about it?"

ON MOST PROSPECTIVE amendments, the foreign affairs committee will try for a unified front. It meets tomorrow to look over changes various house members are purring.

The biggest issue, as the voting gets underway on amendments, is what to do about halting American exports of anything of military value to Russia and her satellites.

House members have been talking more about than anything else during debate on the aid bill. Administration action to stop all exports except those which have the armed forces okay hasn't stopped the clamor for Congress to crack the whip, too.

Rep. Mundt (R-S.D.) says he intends to drive ahead with an amendment to give the foreign aid administrator the right to forbid all exports of war supplies.

He told a reporter a lot of members have informed him they like the plan.

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Opposition Mounts to U. S. Plan For U. N. Trusteeship of Palestine

LAKE SUCCESS, March 28 (P)—The new American policy on Palestine faced growing opposition today as it headed toward its first United Nations test, probably Tuesday.

The trusteeship plan so far has found little support. The Jewish agency for Palestine has rejected it. The Arabs have given it a cool reception, but indicated they might accept it under certain conditions.

Canada and France, the only two members of the council to express their views in public, declared the past week they were not ready to commit themselves unless it is shown the plan would work.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATE was reported ready the past week to put the trusteeship idea aside for the moment and concentrate on getting the special assembly session. A resolution was prepared, proposing the special session, but this was held up at the last minute without explanation.

Body of Woman Found, Spouse Held

PATERSON, N. J., March 28 (P)—An attractive blonde wife of a policeman was found slain in vacant lot today, her clothes torn and her body badly battered.

Acting Detective Captain Charles McGrath said tonight that the husband, Patrolman Timothy J. Donohue, 39, was being held overnight in the detective bureau for questioning in connection with the slaying. There were no complaints filed.

The body of the victim, Mrs. Sarah Margaret Donohue, 39, may have been thrown from an automobile, McGrath said. Police found tire marks on the wet roadway nearby and took them for study.

HOUSE LEADER FAVERS DRAFT, OPPOSES UMT

Rep. Allen Backs Plan To Register Men 18-26, Without Immediate Call-up

WASHINGTON, March 28 (P)—A Republican House leader came out today for restoring the wartime draft machinery while firmly opposing universal military training.

He is Rep. Leo Allen (R-Ill.), chairman of the House rules committee, of the most important congressional machinery. He said he favors setting up local draft boards and registering men 18 to 26, but without an immediate call-to-service. He said it would fit to draft on short notice, if necessary.

Allen's statement coincided with reports that the House leadership generally is swaying around to a registration-but-no-call-now bill.

In the Senate, Republican leaders were reported leaning toward a temporary draft to be put in operation by President Truman, voluntary drafting laws to provide the manpower.

While some kind of standby draft legislation appeared to have strong backing, Mr. Truman's request for a universal military training law drew opposition which seemed to be spreading in the Senate.

One administration official, who asked not to be quoted by name, told a reporter he thinks there is "no chance" for UMT passage this session.

68 Jews, Arabs Slain In Holy Land Fighting

JERUSALEM, March 28 (P)—Bloody gun battles between Arabs and Jews raged over the Holy Land today and the official eastern casualty toll showed at least 68 persons were killed.

Massed Arab attacks wiped out a 42-man Jewish motor convoy and forced another to yield its arms in bitter Palestine warfare. Fifteen Jews were reported killed in other battles, together with seven Arabs and four foreign Christians.

Unofficial reports, however, placed the death figure much higher. Haganah, the Jewish army, claimed there were 300 Arab casualties during the day. Arab sources listed many Jewish casualties which could not be confirmed.

An official British statement said at least 12 Jews were killed when a force of 250 Arabs ambushed a five-vehicle Jewish convoy near Nahariya, midway on the northern Palestine coast between Acre and the Lebanon frontier.

BRITISH TROOPS who reached the scene at El Kabi after encountering road blocks found the bodies of 42 Jews. Every one of the convoy's vehicles was burned.

The British said the Arabs were entrenched in the El Kabi hills between Nahariya, a coastal resort, and the Jewish settlement of Yehiam. They used two inch mortars and light machine guns and withdrew after British royal artillery fired 12 rounds of 25 pounder shells into their position.

Arab losses in this encounter were given as six killed and four wounded.

The second convoy was south of Bethlehem. Almost 200 Jews, including members of Haganah, surrendered their arms and equipment to the Arabs in return for safe escort under British protection to Jerusalem. The Jews had been under siege last night and today near the village of Naot Daniel.

Also there were the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Coles of the North Chicago Baptist church, whose son dropped the "S" from his name when he formed the King Cole Trio to become one of the nation's top recording artists.

THREE MOUNTED policemen had a hard time holding back the crowd as the couple and their famous guests left the church. Heads peered from hundreds of windows along 138th street and Lenox avenue. And later, in the modern room of the elegant downtown Belmont Plaza, a large share of Broadway show business—white and Negro—feasted from a fabulous spread of roast beef, turkey, ham and caviar. Guests included the bride and groom, Benny Goodman, Capital BD 57, \$3.31; No, Baby, No Lazy River Chicago Puttin' on the Ritz Benny's Boogie How High the Moon The Bannister Slide Music, Maestro, Please.

LEADERS OF Harlem's Sugar Hill society in their Easter finery filled the flower-decked Abyssinian Baptist church along with actor Canada Lee, dancer Bill Robinson and bandleader Alton Kirke.

The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Democratic congressman from New York, performed the ceremony. Watching proudly was his wife, actress Hazel Scott.

The bride, in ice-blue satin, was Benny Goodman, Capital BD 57

Four Steel Locals To Welcome New Union Representative

Officers of United Steel Workers of America (CIO) locals in Pottstown, Norristown, Conshohocken and Phoenixville, will meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday night in the Singer building to greet their new international representative, Fred Clarioti of Philadelphia.

Clarioti will replace Joseph L. Picard, who is being transferred to a similar position in the Chester area.

This was announced yesterday by J. Alfred Marquet, president of Local 2177, USA, who also declared that yesterday's scheduled union meeting had been canceled because of the Easter Sunday holiday. The next general meeting will be held on April 25.

At a stewards' and open meeting held on March 16, the local decided to send four delegates to the international convention to be held in Boston, Mass., May 11 to 15.

These delegates, who will have a block of ten votes, one for each 100 members in the local, will be chosen at the next union meeting.

It was also announced that election of officers in Local 2177 would be held at the May 23 meeting.

Church to Hold Social, Reception

The annual Easter social and reception to new members of the Transfiguration Lutheran church will be held in the Sunday school room of the church tonight at 7:45 o'clock.

An informal program of games, singing and entertainment has been planned by the committee under the direction of Herman Hurter. Others serving on the committee are Margaret Dieffenderfer, Melvin W. Endy, and A. B. Siesholtz.

New members to be honored include Carl B. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Krebs, Mrs. Robert D. Scheffey, Harold Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Carolyn Longacre, Mrs. Evelyn Bauer, Mrs. Elsie L. Gross, Mrs. Leonard Donmoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Neuschwander Sr., Mrs. John W. Schaller, Mrs. Sheldon W. Endy, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Law, Mr. and Mrs. Emil C. Schultz, Mrs. Charles F. Whittacre, Mr. and Mrs. Maivern R. Wiser and Mrs. Harry F. Smith.

Also Mr. and Mrs. George A.

Salvation Army Wins

In Attendance Competition

The local Salvation Army Citadel has beaten citadels in eight cities larger than Pottstown to win the first half of a 16-game season of attendance matches.

Capt. Gerald Cox, of the local citadel, said he was informed of the victory, Friday, by Major Charles Talmadge, Philadelphia Youth Work director.

The series, which finds Bethlehem in second place, Camden, N. J., in third and Harrisburg fourth, is based on Sunday school attendance. Every week games between the nine citadels are played, the results being announced Fridays. Pottstown has won eight, lost none, the only citadel with such a record.

Longacre, Mrs. Warren W. Polster, Mrs. Clarence E. Smith, Mrs. E. Newland Workman, Dr. and Mrs. Gustave W. Weier, Jack Ruffin, Eugene D. Allen, Gerald E. Schultz, Ruth E. Boone, M. Virginia Feroe, Jacqueline K. Gabel, J. Henry Haussmann Jr., Rae Ann Kennedy, Anna Mae Moyer, Marion L. Rife, David C. Seidel, Barbara L. Ziegler and Mrs. Harry Peck.

Reading Admiral Named Head of Third District

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP)—Vice Admiral Walter S. Delany, 57, of Reading, Pa., will become commandant of the Third Naval district on or about July 1, the Navy announces.

He will succeed Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, 61, who announced yesterday he will retire from active duty at that time.

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Pottstown's Church Calendar

LUTHERAN
St. James, the Rev. Edward S. Horn, pastor. Today, Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. Tomorrow, Intermediate Luther League Easter party, 7 p.m. Thursday, Junior choir, 7 p.m.; chancel choir, 8 p.m.

Emmanuel, the Rev. Luther A. Kruse, pastor. Today, Boy Scouts, 7 p.m.; Cub Pack committee, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Intermediate school of Christ, 2:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts, 8 p.m.; reception to new members received since Easter, 1947, 8 p.m. Thursday, Cub Pack 33 at 7:30 p.m.; choir at regular times.

St. Peter's, the Rev. Kenneth R. Anderson, pastor. Today, Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow, Ladies Aid luncheon, Wednesday, weekday church school at 1 and 2:15 p.m.; pre-creche service, 8 p.m. Friday, Cub crusade, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, choir, 8 p.m.; vestry, 8 p.m. Saturday, Easter convention, 2:30 p.m.

Transfiguration, the Rev. Theodore L. Fischer, pastor. Today, Athletic Association, 7 p.m.; congregational Easter social, 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow, Junior choir, 3 p.m.; church school, 2:30 p.m.; choir luncheon meeting and social, 7:30 p.m.; vestry, 8 p.m.; Mite society in parlour, 8 p.m.

METHODIST
First, the Rev. George N. Oehler, pastor. Today, Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. Tomorrow, Brownie Girl Scouts, 4 p.m.; Girl Scouts, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, community weekday church school, 2:30 p.m.; pre-creche service, 8 p.m. Saturday, reception in honour of 41st anniversary, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, luncheon service, 8 p.m.; Friday, debate club, 8 p.m.

Second, the Rev. Herwood L. Butler, pastor. Today, Bible study, 8 p.m. Monday, choir, 8 p.m. Tuesday, choir, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Senior choir, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, luncheon service, 8 p.m.; Friday, debate club, 8 p.m.

OTHER CHURCHES
Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Rev. W. Harry Dickenson, pastor. Wednesday, church board meeting at chapel, 8 p.m.; Thursday, women's prayer meeting, 7 p.m.; Friday, Bible study, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, community weekday church school, 2:30 p.m.; pre-creche service, 8 p.m. Sunday, 41st anniversary, 7:30 p.m.

Episcopal, the Rev. George A. Link, pastor. Today, Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.; Woman's Club, 8 p.m. Tomorrow, Girls' Club, 8 p.m. Wednesday, annual Spring supper sponsored by Woman's Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, choir, 8 p.m.

Seventh-day Adventist, the Rev. James D. Matchette, pastor. Today, egg hunt in church, 10 a.m.; church school, 1 p.m. Wednesday, community weekday church school, 2:30 p.m.; mid-week service, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Girl Scouts, 7 p.m. Friday, Senior choir, 8 p.m. Saturday, young adult fellowship progressive dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Bethel AME, the Rev. D. E. Owens, pastor. Today, Easter program, 8 p.m. Tomorrow, Young People's class, 6:45 p.m.; Senior choir, 8 p.m. Wednesday, choir, 8 p.m. Friday, Flower club, stewardess and missionary meeting at home of Mrs. Maggie Pickett, Beech Street, 8 p.m. Saturday, Pine Forge chorus at the church, 8 p.m.

REFORMED
Zion's, the Rev. Howard A. Kosman, pastor. Today, choir, 8 p.m. Tomorrow, churchmen's brotherhood in chapel, 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Junior choir, 7:45 p.m.; Senior choir, 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Zion's Bible class, 8 p.m.

Trinity, the Rev. John B. Prante, pastor. Today, Brownie Scouts, 4 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.; reception to new members, 8 p.m. Thursday, Ladies Aid society at church, 2:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Junior choir, 8 p.m.; chancel choir, 8 p.m.; Senior choir, 8 p.m.

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FORUM DIRECTOR WEDS

PEKIN, Ill., March 28 (AP)—Miss Helen Diett, director of the New York Herald Tribune's forums, and Theodore Waller, former UNRRA chief in Byelo-Russia, were married today.

DOCTOR IS YEARS, DIES
WARREN, March 23 (AP)—Dr. C. Flatt, who practiced medicine in the little community of Kinross for 55 years, died today in Warren General hospital after a long illness. He was 84.

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A Brief Review of the 103rd Annual Statement to its Policyholders

Assets . . . The assets, held for the protection of the Company's life insurance and annuity contracts and to meet other obligations, totalled \$4,234,184,598 at the end of 1947. Bonds and stocks are valued in conformity with the laws of the several States and as prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Liabilities . . . The Company's insurance and annuity reserves and other liabilities aggregated \$4,003,065,874 at the end of 1947. Surplus funds held for general contingencies totalled \$231,118,724.

Reserves . . . At the close of 1947 the Company reached a major objective in its program for strengthening insurance and annuity reserves. All of its life insurance reserves are now held on an interest basis of either 2½ per cent or 2 per cent. All of its annuity reserves are on a 2 per cent basis. The program of reserve strengthening, which was undertaken to protect the interests of policyholders, has given recognition to the effect upon the Company's net earning rate of exceedingly low yields on high-grade investments. Policyholders can take renewed assurance from the knowledge that the Company has an overall reserve basis as strong as, if not stronger than, that of any other life insurance company in the country.

Mortality Experience . . . The Company's mortality experience in 1947 was favorably low. In November of 1947 the Company adopted for its new series of policies a mortality table based on more recent mortality experience and therefore, in the years to come, the margin between "expected mortality" and "actual mortality" experience should not be so great as in the past.

Expenses . . . The Company, in common with practically all individuals and businesses throughout the country, quite understandably has been affected by rising costs of materials and wages. Continued efforts are being made to improve efficiency and effect economies without impairing the essential services rendered by the Company.

Interest Earnings . . . While the rate of interest earned by the Company in 1947 exceeded the rate required to maintain reserves because of the Company's program of reserve strengthening, the rates of return available on new investments of high quality continued low throughout the better part of the year. However, in the closing months of 1947 there was an encouraging upturn in interest rates on new investments which it is hoped will continue.

Dividends . . . The provision for 1948 dividends to policyholders is \$37,151,312, as compared with \$41,730,229 for 1947. The amount available for dividends was affected by the low yields from prime investments and increased expenses due to higher costs of materials and wages, as well as by the Company's program of strengthening reserves mentioned above.

Termination Dividends . . . The Company has declared termination dividends payable in 1948 on life insurance policies in certain categories. Such dividends, which are in-

cluded in the provision for 1948 dividends to policyholders, become payable as the policies in these categories terminate in 1948 by death, maturity or surrender for cash after having been in force at least twenty years.

Surrender Allowances . . . For the year 1948 the Company has adopted a plan for allowance of amounts in addition to contractual cash values under life insurance policies issued before June 1, 1944 which during 1948 are surrendered for cash. This plan has been made possible because of the Company's having completed the major steps in its long-range program of strengthening insurance reserves which has been in progress for several years.

New Series of Policies . . . On November 17, 1947 the Company introduced a new series of policies with cash and other non-forfeiture values based on the Commissioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality and interest at 2 per cent. In the Company's series of policies issued from June 1, 1944 to November 17, 1947, such values were based on the American Experience Table of Mortality and interest at 2½ per cent.

Life Insurance In Force . . . At the end of 1947 the Company's life insurance in force exceeded nine billion dollars, which was the largest volume of protection in force in the Company during its entire history. Policyholders have \$9,063,604,614 of life insurance protection under 3,683,297 policies. This was \$520,296,199 greater than at the close of the previous year.

Sales . . . Sales of new life insurance during 1947 totalled \$857,384,000. In the amounts of sales and life insurance in force, Family Income policies paid for in 1947 are reported on a higher basis than in previous years. This change has been adopted to conform with the customary practice among many other companies. On a corresponding basis, sales of new life insurance in 1947 were approximately 2½ per cent less than the sales in 1946.

Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries . . . During 1947 the Company's total payments to policyholders and beneficiaries aggregated \$196,798,797. Of this amount, living policyholders received \$115,716,396 and the beneficiaries of 19,804 policyholders who died received \$81,082,401.

A Nationwide Organization . . . The Company does business in each of the 48 States, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and the Dominion of Canada. While national in scope, the New York Life is very largely local in its operations in providing services to its policyholders through 138 Branch Offices in principal business centers, as well as through its sales organization of over 5,600 agents located throughout the United States and Canada.

Frank J. Harries
President

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*Call not that man wretched, who
whatever ill he suffers, has a child
to love.—Southey.*

Field Fire Menace

The annual Spring field fire epidemic is underway in Pottstown and surrounding area. To date, considerable property damage has resulted from fires which appeared to have started harmlessly enough in vacant lots.

Many of these fires are started with the intention of burning off undergrowth. Before the property owner realizes it, the fire is beyond his control and threatening near-by property.

A nearby township has a good answer to this. If a property owner starts a fire on his land and it is necessary to summon a fire company to extinguish the blaze, he is subject to a fine. This has proved effective.

Many other field fires are begun by youngsters who apparently enjoy nothing more than to see something burn.

Field fires can be very dangerous and costly. They are a danger not only to adjoining property but to the firemen who risk their lives each time they ride to a fire.

Undoubtedly the majority of such fires could — and should — be avoided. If Pottstown would take steps to curb them, perhaps similar to the action of other communities, the field fire menace could be somewhat abated.

The continued danger to life and property makes the menace very real and one that should be dealt with without delay.

A Fair Price

WHEN you walk into a store to buy a dozen eggs, a pair of shoes, some kitchen utensils or any other article, what is a fair price? Is it the price that existed last year? Or is it the price that was in effect in 1940, or 1900, or any other date?

That question is obviously unanswerable. The price of anything is made up of a long list of factors, all of which are in a constant state of flux. Raw materials, wages, taxes, transportation enter into it. So does the extent of consumer purchasing power. So does employee efficiency and output. So does foreign demand for commodities which are in tight supply here. And so, to a very great degree, does the fact that we have a record national debt, after the most destructive war in history, and the government is still spending money at a prodigal rate.

Business, on both the manufacturing and retailing levels, gets much of the blame for high prices. But business is as worried about them as any consumer. Mass production and mass distribution are the backbone of the economy, and if consumers are priced out of the market the ultimate effect will be disastrous. A number of manufacturers have cut prices and absorbed the loss. Retail margins, both independents and chains report, are shrinking fast, and the inventory problem is the cause of much concern and uncertainty among merchants. Everything possible is being done to prevent further price increases, and to effect price decreases when possible.

It should be widely known that retailers' profit margins are now generally less than under OPA. The same thing is true of many manufacturers. The demand for arbitrary, across-the-board price cuts cannot be met. No one knows what the future of prices will be. But, by and large, they will be as low as costs permit.

Seven Burned

A SHORT time ago, in a farm home near Danville, Iowa, a large family was asleep. At about four in the morning a fire of undetermined origin broke out. No fire equipment was available. Three children and the parents escaped. Seven children, who were sleeping in upstairs bedrooms, perished. The flames spread so rapidly that these children could not be reached by the time the others awoke.

What happened near Danville has happened, in lesser or greater degree, in thousands of American communities. At the moment you read this, it is probable that fires which will destroy life are in progress. Today may strike a long way off from you. Tomorrow it may come home.

A large percentage of dwelling fires are the result of dangerous heating equipment, particularly old stoves and open fireplaces. Open flame burners court for an appalling number of deaths by asphyxiation. Then, going down the list, electrical and smoking hazards take their grim toll.

The seven children who were cremated alive near Danville are now statistics—tragic evidence of fire's insatiable appetite. A few weeks ago they were alive and happy. How many more lives will fire destroy in this country before we learn that fire prevention is the duty of every family, every owner of a business, and every worker?

GRAMPAW OAKLEY

PUNKIN CORNERS, March 28.

Dear Sir n' Brother:

Wal, the weather didn't help remind us that Easter is a gentle holiday. Then, again, maybe the day lived up to one of its most popular features — hard-boiled eggs!

After looking at some of the Easter styles, I'm kind of glad that Spring continues to wear her Old Look — leaves and flowers and bright green grass!

And say: I really don't mind a rainy March. It's only Nature getting her face washed in anticipation of Spring!

Grampaw Ned Oakley

Editor, The Mercury.

March 28.

Bruised, and at the worst, with a bone fractured, they then hand their case over to one of these unethical lawyers — rogues from the legal profession.

But we physicians also often encounter patients who intentionally prolong their recovery in order to file a suit for damages.

Recently, a surgeon friend of mine had such a patient who generously stuffed a wad of gauze into an abdominal incision for just such a purpose.

These people are too dumb to realize that they may introduce a fatal infection. Money-mad, they are petty racketeers.

What's the cure for such selfishness?

The Golden Rule and more moral instruction in childhood, both at home and in the Sunday schools.

The moral differences between America and Nero's paganism are chiefly due to those churches pointing their spires toward the heavens.

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VA Staff Cut Protest To Be Made by VFW

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—Angry over dismissal by the Veterans administration of 40 percent of its staff in this area, including Thomas J. Hollo, former Pottstown administrator, a Veterans of Foreign Wars committee will go to Washington tomorrow to protest the action.

Joel L. Sclesinger, district commander of the VFW, said the committee will appeal to Representative F.C. Nourse Rogers, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs committee, and will investigate alleged brass and favoritism which has fired "career employees" but kept 2,200-p.c.o. officials.

Hollo's dismissal became effective Friday. He had handled veterans problems in the area for the past two years.

ACCIDENTS —

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The entire right side of the Dreibelbis vehicle was smashed.

Sgt. Dan J. Linton and Motor Patrolman Lewis Borgert investigated the three-car collision.

NO ONE WAS INJURED in another three-automobile accident at Main and Englewood streets at 9:05 p.m. Saturday.

Involved were drivers Richard J. Bauer and Rose E. Hess, of Reading, and Franz J. Dileo, of Allentown.

All were eastbound on High street when Bauer stopped suddenly. The other two drivers could not stop in time.

Hess' car, being in the middle, was the worst damaged of the three. Both cars were towed to a repair garage, but Dileo's was able to proceed under its own power.

Motor Patrolman Earl J. Rhoads, Patrolmen Joseph Thees and Borgert investigated.

A SFDA AND A small panel truck collided at Charlotte and Walnut streets at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

James W. Fadler, of Pottstown PD 3, was driving his car north on Charlotte street when he collided with the truck, driven by Harvey A. Snyder, of Barto RD 1, coming east on Walnut street.

Fadler told police that he could not see the truck in time to avoid hitting it.

Neither driver was injured but the left front fender and headlight of the car and the right front fender and running board of the truck were damaged.

Motor Patrolman Robert H. Houser investigated.

PENDERS ON TWO automobiles were bent at 6:05 p.m. yesterday at High and Hanover streets.

The drivers were John M. Lwalt, of 432 South street, and R. Calvin Berniker, of Pottstown RD 2.

Lwalt told Motor Patrolman Stanley Borowy that his car was struck from the rear. But Berniker declared that the other driver pulled around him from the rear while they were driving north on Hanover street, stopping for a red light.

The right rear fender of the Lwalt car and the left front fender of the Berniker vehicle were dented.

MAN KILLED —

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Other, Human F., of Philadelphia, was present.

Fetelson, she said, was taking his father back to Philadelphia, intending to catch the next train home.

The wife, whose first husband died four years ago of a heart attack, asserted she would have accompanied her husband and father-in-law, but didn't want to keep a little step-daughter, Maralyn, up late.

Fetelson was owner of Robert's Draperies at 264 High street.

EASTER SERVICES —

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their cars to listen to the 35-minute service over an amplifying system. The microphone was set up at the fountain facing the park's large cross.

The choir was directed by Mrs. Miriam Horrocks and the brass quartet consisted of Harry C. Bernhard Jr., Donald Davis, Donald Frain and Robert Witmer.

The Rev. Luther A. Krouse, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church, reported that 1,332 received holy communion yesterday and at Thursday night's communion service. The total is a record for the church for communicants on any single feast day.

A total of 2,321 attended all services, starting with a 7 a.m. holy communion and ending at 7:30 p.m. in the church yesterday, he added.

The church's "Easter climax" was reached last night at a musical service at which an interpretation of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ was sung by 115 voices of the church's five choirs, directed by Mrs. Eva A. Spacht.

THE SALVATION ARMY broke two records yesterday.

Capt. Merle Cox, local citadel leader, said 284 attended all three of the Army's Sunday school and that 118 attended the Penn Village school. Both were records.

The Penn Village audience was sitting on boxes and standing in the aisles, the captain said.

Churchgoers from all over northern Chester county gathered yesterday at dawn for a service in Broadbach's Reformed church, and again after dark for a religious pageant in Bethel Free Methodist church.

More than 135 attended the pageant, while five pastors conducted the service sponsored by the Chester County Rural Ministry.

The Revs. Lloyd J. Sandt, host pastor, directed and arranged the service and the Revs. Alton P. Albright, William G. Nyce and Clayton J. Bates also contributed. The Rev. Earl Marcus led singing.

PERFORMED IN the chancel of Bethel Methodist, the pageant was witnessed by 320. The Rev. Dennis Duval, pastor, was in charge.

Fourteen new members of Trinity Reformed church yesterday received their first holy communion after confirmation the previous Sunday.

Because the Rev. John B. Frantz, pastor, was still recovering from flu, the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, Philadelphia, took over most of his duties. Holy communion was distributed by 18 laymen.

Five children and seven adults were baptized into Second Baptist church yesterday morning at 8 o'clock dawn baptismal service conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Heywood L. Butler.

The children baptized were Joseph Wesley Hespeth, Otis Lee Hespeth Jr., Rose Carter, Dorothy Oliver and Elbert H. Oliver Jr.

Adults were Alma Aiken, Eleanor Carpenter, John W. Brown, Mary Reid, William Elliott, Charles Ross and Ferrell Walker.

A religious drama, "The Way of Life," played in a "Roman garden" and depicting the Resurrection, was staged last night at First Church of the Brethren before 168. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reiffennyder directed the play acted by members of the Youth Group.

The junior choir of St. Paul's Reformed church, Stowe, sang "Joyous Easter Morning" yesterday morning at the Sunday school class.

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Infants Baptized, Group Confirmed at Baltzell

In the Baltzell Evangelical United church, the Rev. John L. Smoker, pastor, had the following infants baptized yesterday:

Thomas Lee Shellenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shellenberger; Patricia Ann Schwenk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schwenk; and James Robert Smoker, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Smoker.

The following were confirmed:

Kenneth, Robert and Shirley Baldwin and Joan Marie Smoker.

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On Trial in 'Heavy Water' Sale**PEPPER RAPS —**

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new "I don't believe in appearance."

Before we aided Russia, Pepper said, we would want to be sure that they are not going to take the help we give them and use it against us.

But, he said, "I have the feeling that probably at the end of World War II we made a mistake in giving an impression to the Soviet Union and some of the nations around about our intent because we did not like their political system were not going to help them recover from the damage of war."

PEPPER SAID he has a feeling that Eastern Europe resents our aid to the countries on the west because of the heavier losses suffered by the eastern nations in defeating the Nazis. He said he favors the aid we are giving.

"We feel that Western Europe has co-operated with us to try to keep world peace, and the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe has blocked those efforts," he noted.

"Now if we can bring them into the orbit of the nations that are working for peace, wouldn't it be better to let them have a few billion dollars in money to restore their economy, to buy goods from us, to help peace, than to spend it in war, or even in preparation for war?"

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MARTINS RETURN —

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over for 25 years and hasn't found an answer to one of them.

1. Why do martins give flying lessons the way they do? Leighton explained that after the fledglings have grown some real, live feathers, the older birds force one youngster at a time to learn to fly, using a sharp bill and voice from tree to tree, then return to teach another individual fledgling how to fly the hard way.

New records for low death rates in the United States were set in 1946 and 1947.

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Spring City Driver Involved in Crash Jailed After Hearing

Robert Yeager, of 216 S. K. street, Spring City was committed to Montgomery county prison, Norristown, in default of \$500 bail on a charge of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, at a hearing Saturday night at 10 o'clock, as the aftermath of an auto crash three hours earlier at Third avenue and Walnut street, Royersford.

Yeager was charged with being the driver of a sedan, which allegedly struck a coupe operated by Mrs. Helen H. Edwards, of 518 Franklin street, Phoenixville, at the Third avenue and Walnut street intersection. Both machines were badly damaged and had to be towed away, but neither driver was injured.

Called to investigate the accident, which occurred at 7:05 p.m., Officer Nicola Sesco failed to find the one driver and learned later he had failed to identify himself and left the scene. About an hour later apprehended Yeager at Fourth avenue and Myrtle street and took him into custody. Yeager denied being the driver of the car, but he was identified by Mrs. Edwards.

DURING THE investigation, the officer learned Yeager had secreted himself in the nose room of the Humane fire house at the intersection, but was ordered out by an officer of the fire company. After he left the firehouse, Officer Sesco trailed him and caught up with him at Fourth avenue and Myrtle street. He took him to the office of Dr. E. Carleton Jameson, where he was pronounced under the influence of liquor.

Yeager was then taken before Justice of the Peace Arthur H. Sagester, Township Line, for a hearing, where he was held in \$500 bail and was committed when unable to furnish bail.

At the time of the accident Yeager was driving north on Third avenue, obviously having failed to halt at the stop sign. Mrs. Edwards was going east on Walnut street.

GALE HITS FAIRBANKS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 28 (P) — A gale, 60 to 75 miles an hour, struck Fairbanks today, wrecking 16 parked planes at the municipal airport, toppling telephone and power poles, uprooting trees and doing minor damage to buildings.

STAMP PHOTO PICKED
BALTIMORE March 28 (P) — A Baltimore photographer's etching of Franklin D. Roosevelt is to be used on a new Dominican Republic postage stamp.

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Smashed by Oklahoma Tornado**Church Directory**

Royersford Grace Lutheran church: Tonight, meeting of Girl Scouts Thursday night, 6:30 o'clock, chapel choir rehearsal; 7:30 o'clock, meeting of Senior Scouts; 8 o'clock, senior choir rehearsal Saturday, 2:30 p.m., conference Luther league convention at St. John's church, Phoenixville.

Royersford Methodist church: Today, Boy Scout trip to Philadelphia. Tomorrow night, 6:30 o'clock, Men's Bible class supper, 8 o'clock, Scout committee meeting. Wednesday night, post-Easter visual worship with the film, "Journey Into Faith." Thursday, 4 p.m., membership class, 7:30 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Spring City Methodist: Tomorrow, 6:30 p.m., Junior fellowship; 7:30 p.m., official board. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Hospital Notes

Phoenixville hospital admissions: Paul Ero and Harry Umstead, Spring City; George W. Lee, Royersford.

Twin-Boro Classified

Deaths 1
GODSHALL — In Glenside, Pa., on Saturday, March 27, 1948, Elizabeth Showalter Godshall, widow of Henry C. Godshall, aged 91 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services at Zion Lutheran Church, Horsham, 126 Walnut St., Royersford, on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment Vincent Memorial cemetery.

Card of Thanks 2

HOUCK
The family of the late Mary Ann Houck wishes to thank the kind neighbors and friends for the assistance and sympathy. Special tributes and use of cars offered during their recent bereavement.

PENNYPACKER

The family of the late Ida M. Pennypacker desires to thankfully acknowledge the kind assistance and sympathy, floral tributes and use of cars offered during their recent bereavement.

Strayed, Lost, Found 10

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Smashed by Oklahoma Tornado**Magazine Predicts Armed Services to Purchase More Steel**

CLEVELAND, March 28 (P) — The armed services are likely to begin heavy purchases of steel by mid-summer under a new armament program, the magazine Steel reported today.

Though there has been little new military buying to date, the magazine said, some "feeler" inquiries for armor plate and special steels already have been received.

"Developments with regard to national defense are being closely watched," Steel said. "Heavy procurement programs of the armed services are likely for the next fiscal year, with production for military needs being stimulated before that period begins July 1."

LOOKING AT the coal mine tie-up, the magazine foresees a possible drop in output to below 60 percent of capacity if the closure continues for another two weeks. The past week, however, the national input rate was estimated at 93½ percent, down only 2½ points from the preceding week.

On the possibility of price and allocation controls, the magazine declared:

"Imposition of mandatory controls in the not too distant future is given a 50-50 chance in informed circles in Washington. Government allocation of steel and other critical materials, as well as price controls, are said to be a likely possibility as defense demands exert increasing pressure on the economy."

"Voluntary allocation, it is said, will prove inadequate."

Scout Robert Bauer To Receive Medal

In recognition of his work for the church and Boy Scouts, Robert Bauer, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Bauer, 125 Adams street, Royersford, will be specially honored by being awarded the Lutheran Brotherhood's medal, "Pro Deo Et Patria" (For God and Country) at the morning service in Zion's Lutheran church Sunday.

Bauer, a life-scout of Royersford Troop 1, will be the first to receive this coveted award in the area between Philadelphia and Reading, as one of many who have been working hard for it the past year.

Aside from being a member of the Boy Scout troop since he was 12 years of age, Robert has been a devoted worker for his church, having accomplished 200 hours' service.

The medal symbolizing his devotion to his main interests, the church and scouting, as primary attributes of God and country, will be presented in a formal ceremony during the service in the church near Spring City Sunday morning, with representatives of the Lutheran Brotherhood, the Scout troop and the Rev. H. Oscar Schlessman Jr. participating.

11 Die in Bus Fire

BOGOTÁ, Colombia, March 28 (P) — Eleven persons died today in a burning motor bus at Durania in the department of Santander Del Norte, dispatches from there said.

From 1940 to 1947 the population of the State of New York increased by about 613,000 people.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services for SARA J. (SHIRK) MINER, of ROYERSFORD, widow of the Rev. Thomas S. Miner, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Campbell, of Rochester, N. Y., were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street, Pottstown.

The Rev. E. J. Carson, of Philadelphia, officiated and interment was made in St. Michael's cemetery, Birdsboro.

Bearers were Claire N. Latshaw, Harvey Landis, William McAllister, Joseph Phillips, John Burrows and Joseph Trate.

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Cites Asia Pact**PRR Rail Strike Postponed by Union**

PHILADELPHIA, March 28 (P) — The strike of 10,000 locomotive firemen and engine servicemen scheduled for Wednesday against the Pennsylvania railroad has been deferred indefinitely by the union.

This was announced yesterday by Harry A. Porch, international vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, following a request of the National Mediation Board.

The Federal agency has taken jurisdiction in the dispute under authority of the National Railway Labor Act.

The dispute centers around a union complaint that the railroad refused to place firemen on five Diesel locomotives in yard service at Pittsburgh and Pottstown. A PRR spokesman said the union demand was "pure feather-bedding."

Walter B. Woodward Jr., gen-

eral chairman of the brotherhood's PRR lines east said the union will meet with PRR officials and the National Mediation board in Washington Tuesday.

Said Woodward: "We have every confidence in the justification of our case. We are willing to compromise with the board, but we will not compromise on principles."

J. M. Symes, PRR operating vice president, said "We shall do everything in our power to keep the railroads in operation, but we cannot adopt a policy of appeasing unreasonable demands."

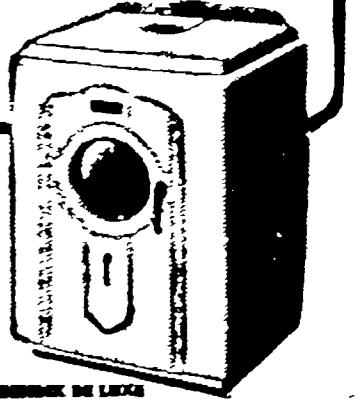
REDS INVITE SIAMESE

SINGAPORE, March 28 (P) — The Bangkok correspondent of the Sunday Times reported today that Russia has invited the Siamese defense ministry to send officers to the USSR for training. The dispatch said the invitation was extended the past week by the Soviet minister to Siem.

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West Philadelphia Church Is Setting For Elaborate Wedding of Ruth Shirey

Before an altar elaborately decorated with cybodium ferns, palms and vases of white roses and carnations, Miss Ruth Shirey, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Church of Christ, West Philadelphia, became the bride of Mr. Charles S. Miller, 22 East Knowles avenue, Gleneden.

Miss Shirey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Shirey, 11 West Third street, while the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Morgan J. Miller, Cowan, Tenn.

Upon their return she will be at home to their friends at 1519 Lincoln avenue, Prospect Park.

MRS. MILLER is a graduate of Pottstown High school and until recently has been employed at the Garth Herd Photography studio. Her husband is a chemist with Sharp and Deane and at present is employed at the University of Pennsylvania office of the company.

Attending from out of town were:

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson, Miss Elizabeth Deakin, Mr. and Mrs. Eisenbach and daughter Susan, Miss Mary Nose, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Larson, Mrs. Eddie G. Couch Jr., the Rev. and Mrs. Eddie G. Couch Sr., the Rev. and Mrs. Carl and daughter, Jean Kay, all of Schenectady, N. Y.

Others were in attendance from Manhattan, Flushing, Long Island, Cedar, N. J., Wilmington, Del., North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Reading, Amityville, Stow, Pottstown, Royersford, Clifton Heights, West Chester, Manoa, Highland Park, Drexel Hill, Glenolden, Yeadon, Germantown, Kennett Square, Newtown Square and Philadelphia.

Easter Holiday Cheer
Reigns at Birthday Party

Surrounded by decorations suggesting the Easter holiday, nine playmates enjoyed a party in honor of the birthday of Charlotte Laubmeier, which was given by her mother, Mrs. Joseph Laubmeier, 327 Jefferson avenue.

Games were played after the celebrant unwrapped her lovely gifts. Refreshments were served on an attractively decorated table which had a large yellow and pink cake as its centerpiece. Each guest was presented with an Easter basket filled with candy.

Guests included Judy Slonkaer, Mary Lou Sonnong, Sandra Keller, Peggy Pavinger, Eileen Hart, Paity Gerhart, Judith Westcott, Margaret Daniels, Thomas Hart and Mrs. John Hart.

In making fudge a creamy, fine-grained product is easier to obtain if the sugar is thoroughly dissolved by stirring until the boiling point is reached. During boiling the fudge should not be stirred.

Betrothal Announced Of Miss Doris Place

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Place, 550 Broad street, Spring City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Doris J. Place, to Mr. Paul R. Weller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Weller, Douglassville RD 2.

Miss Place is employed by the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, while Mr. Weller is employed by his father, an excavating contractor.

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Amid Easter Flowers, Florence Ziegler Becomes Bride in Beautiful Church Rites

Amid beautiful Easter decorations of palms, lilies and lighted tapers, Miss Florence Ziegler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ziegler, Spring Mount, became the bride of Theodore Duren Batzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Batzell, Perkiomenville, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the Schwenkerville Jerusalem Lutheran church.

The Rev. William C. Leopold, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony performed before a very large audience of friends and relatives. Bridal music was furnished by Miss Barbara Crossman, Lamontale at the console of the organ, while vocal selections were presented by Mr. Hugh Schmidt, Schwenkerville.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was beautifully gowned in white silk slipper satin of colonial style. The tiny fitted bodice buttoned down the back with little self-covered buttons, a lace inset neckline and features a huge lace-trimmed bustle. The full skirt extended into a long train. The long full sleeves ended at a point under each wrist. Her fingertip veil fell from a crown of seed pearls trimmed with imported lace. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley with orchid center.

SERVING AS MATRON OF honor was Mrs. Calvin Walter Delphi, who appeared in a gown of light blue satin. It featured a lace illusion neckline and bodice of colonial design. A huge bustle back adorned the full skirt. She wore long blue lace gloves, matching the fingertip lace veil which was caught at the hair with Easter flowers. Her flowers were a cascade bouquet of yellow roses.

Miss Arlene Rushong, Spring Mount; and Miss Betty Ziegler, Delphi attended as bridesmaids with Miss Rushong appearing in a gown of pink satin. Her fingertip veil was caught at the hair with Spring flowers and she wore lace gloves. Miss Ziegler was attired in a green satin gown with long green lace gloves. She also wore flower and veil headress.

Then Miss Joan Boyer scattered petals beneath the feet of the bride, wearing a peach satin gown, tied with large bow sash in the back. She dropped her flowers from a basket of sweetheart roses.

ATTIRE IN WHITE tuxedo suit and bearing a white lace cushion holding the rings, Master Frederick Heintz III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Heintz Jr., Philadelphia, served as ring bearer.

Mr. William Batzell Jr., Pottstown, served his brother as best man, while ushers were Mr. Kenneth Hauck, Perkiomenville, and Mr. Calvin Walter, Delphi.

Both mothers chose suits of black wool with white accessories and wore natural orchid corsages.

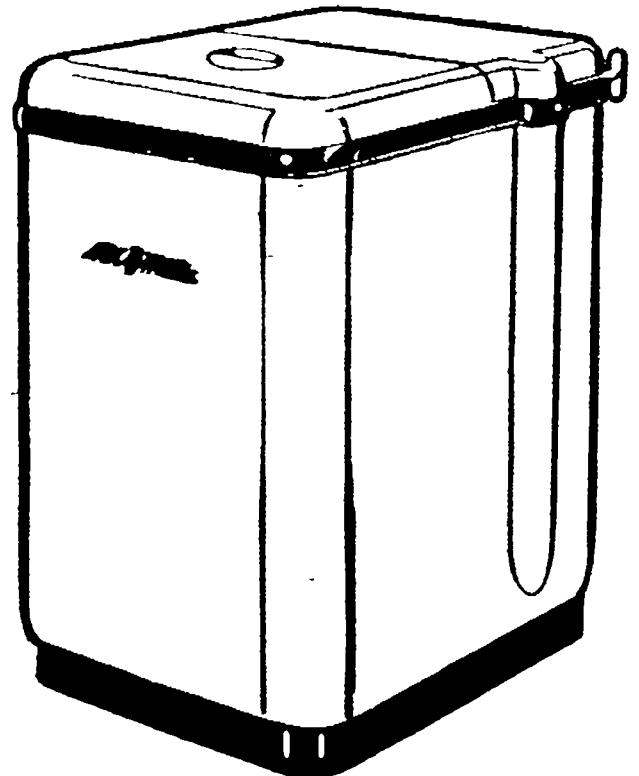
Following the wedding a dinner was served to the immediate families at the Old Weldon House in Delphi. This was followed by a reception at the same place, after which the newly-weds left for a honeymoon of unannounced destination. For traveling the bride chose a black crepe dress and topper with aqua accessories. She wore an orchid corsage.

They will be at home to their friends April 5 at the home of the bride's parents.

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PERSONALS

Pennsylvania Military college, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sweenhart, 737 Walnut street.

Donald Bartman is visiting with his mother, Mrs. Naomi Bartman, 1222 Queen street. He is a student at Ursinus college.

Home for the holidays from Ursinus college is John Yerze, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yerze, 13 South Franklin street.

Miss Eleanor Hoffman is staying from her Senior year studies at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Z. Hoffman, 513 High street.

William McDevitt Jr. is vacationing from LaSalle college with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McDevitt, 108 York street.

Home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moyer, Gilbertsville, is Ralph Moyer Jr., student at Kutztown State Teachers college.

Miss Grace Selinger, 1317 Queen street, is vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Selinger. She is a student at Bucknell college.

Miss Virginia Adams, who has been pursuing her education at Bellevue College, is vacationing with her parents, Mr.

Mr. Donald Kaas, brother of the bridegroom served as best man.

Mr. Kaas is a graduate of Boyertown high school, class of '44 and served in the U. S. Navy during the past war. He is employed at Spicers' Mrs. Kaas attended Boyertown school and is employed at the Amity Company, Boyertown.

Following a honeymoon in Atlantic City, the couple will reside at 232 King street.

Mr. Thomas P. Kaas And Miss June Hess United in Marriage

Mr. Thomas Patrick Kaas, 232 King street took as his bride at the rectory of St. Alphonsus Catholic church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Miss June Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess, Boyertown RD 1. Mr. Kaas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kaas, 232 King street.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Campbell in the presence of the immediate families.

For her wedding dress the bride chose a dressmaker suit in gray gauze with black accessories, and wore a corsage of natural orchids. She was attended by Mrs. Dorothy Hock, sister of the bridegroom who appeared in a black dress suit with matching accessories.

Mr. Donald Kaas, brother of the bridegroom served as best man.

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Wedding Anniversary

Observed at Large Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Sowers, 35 West Fourth street, held a turkey dinner in honor of their silver wedding anniversary on Saturday night in the club room of Art's Diner.

The celebrants received lovely gifts from the 25 guests present.

Dinner was served on an attractively decorated table. A large wedding cake, with silver streamers leading from the cake to the place cards, served as the centerpiece, while a new silver square was placed before each guest.

Large dolls, representing a bride and groom, stood on the mantle piece.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sowers, of Bethlehem; Mr. Walter Sowers, Miss Dolores Price, of Reading; Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sowers, Allentown, the Rev. and Mrs. W. Russell Zimmerman, of Trappe; the Rev. and Mrs. Asa S. Wohisen, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Miller, Wyomissing Hills; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erb, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sell, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keck and Miss Doris Ruth Sowers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rozas, 108 Walnut street, announced the engagement of their daughter, Pauline, to Robert A. Jackrati, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Jackrati, Fairview street, Stow, at an Easter dinner held yesterday in their home.

Miss Rozas graduated from Pottstown High school with the class of '47 and is employed by the Bell Telephone company while her fiance attended West Pottsgrove school, and is employed by the Boy's Linoleum store. He was formerly with the U. S. Medical corps where he served one and a half years.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

BY SHEPARD BARCLAY

When Suit Preference

ALL PLAYERS, even the best, have difficulty sometimes in deciding whether a rather high or rather low card from their partner is intended as a suit-preference signal. It is not always utterly clear that his high card requests you to switch to the higher-ranking of certain side suits, such as hearts in preference to diamonds, or that his low card indicates a preference for the lower-ranking of the side suits. Especially in the case of the low card, it is up to you to decide the issue on the basis of what you think he is probably trying to tell you.

K	J	2
4	3	
8	6	
4	K	10 9 6 5

N	7 5
W	E
E	A Q J 3
S	A Q 2

A Q 10 4
9 Q 9
10 9 4
4 7

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)

West: Pass North: Pass South: Pass

2♦ 3♦ 2♦ 2♦ 2♦

Pass 2♦

West had probably two lower diamonds, so was offering that as a suit-preference signal. That would mean a heart rather than a club. So he sent back the heart 2, on which South tried the Q, the K winning.

Now it was West's turn to wonder about his partner's lead. Why the 2 and not some higher card? Probably the lowest-ranking clubs were desired, so West returned the club 8. The Q won that, the A was laid down and then East pondered about West's 3 on the trick. That, he could tell, was no suit-preference but the completion of a down-and-out. He therefore returned the club 2. South discarded a diamond and West ruffed with the spade 3, for his side's sixth trick.

South got tricks, after the heart 8 return, with the A, a ruff of the 7 with the spade 2, the spade K, the spade J to the Q, the spade A and 10, then gave up the last with the heart 9 to the 10. Use of that 9 instead of the Q on the third trick would have saved one.

Tomorrow's Problem

A	8 6 4 2
4	A Q 10 6 4
8	Q K J 10
4	None

N	7 3
W	E
E	A 6
S	10 3 2

A	J
4	J 7
9	8 7 5 3
4	A K Q 7

It required the greatest kind of luck and no defense to set that contract three tricks and thereby score 300 on East and West for no double. Three signals from one partner to the other were instrumental in taking that many tricks, seven all told.

West led the rest of his partner's hand, the diamond K, then repeated with the 7. When East took that with the J, he could read that

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Mrs. Felix Weiss, lecturer for Valley Grange, arranged the following program which was presented recently at the Grange home on Sixth Street. Opening song: "In the Garden," followed by a series of awakening readings: "Legend of the Dogwood Tree," Easter message by the Rev. Charles Brown of Green Lane, tandem bass of scripture reading by the chaplain vocal solo by Lester Robert, poem by Barbara Shallow, "Joy," "Love Divine," "All Is Excellent," coro song "How Firm a Foundation." Members of the Grange will attend church services at a cost of \$1.50 next Sunday at 2 p.m.

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recently were feted with an anniversary dinner by Mrs. Schwenk's sister and brothers Mr. and Mrs. John Karver, Emma Snyder, Mrs. Amanda Schwenk, Red Hill, Mr. and Mrs. William Remminger, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Remminger, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Remminger, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Remminger, Mr. and Mrs. William Savori, Pottstown, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Remminger, Conoco. They observed their 30th anniversary on that day. They received many nice gifts.

Mrs. Isaac Messel, Main Street, son required her to remain following a light stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grafe, Philadelphia, visited Mr. Grafe's son, Max Grafe.

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TROJAN CAGERS TO BE HONORED AT 2 BANQUETS

Lions Club and ABC
To Fete Pottstown Team
In Local Elks Home

Two Pottstown civic clubs will reward Pottstown High school basketball players for their services to the school during the past game season at two banquets in the next three weeks.

The first banquet comes Wednesday night, when the American Business club of Pottstown will have the entire varsity squad of Pottstown High as its guests in the Elks home.

Joseph Hahn, president of the ABC, said that the banquet is the club's way of showing appreciation to the Trojans for participating in the ABC's annual benefit game to raise funds for the drinking fountains at Memorial park.

Hahn declared, however, that the Trojans will not be the only guests of the ABC. Members of the Alumni team which lost to the Trojans the past December in the benefit game, as well as the Pottstown Tool and Engineering and UAW basketball teams who played in the preliminary game.

The banquet will start in the Elks home at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

The second banquet comes April 13 when the Lions club of Pottstown will have the Trojans as its guests at a banquet in the Elks home.

AT THE SAME TIME the Lions club will honor the basketball teams of West Pottsgrove and North Coventry High schools. The ABC feted the football teams of the three schools the past winter, and the baseball teams of the three schools will be honored by another civic club later this spring.

Paul Hofman of the Lions club announced recently that a well-known sports authority from Philadelphia will speak at the Lions banquet.

Chick Harbert Shatters Par To Win Charlotte Tourney 15 Under Par



CHICK HARBERT

Gil Rothrock Loses In Tennis Tourney

Gil Rothrock, the Hill's star tennis player, who holds the Middle States Boys' tennis championship, lost to Jack Banks in the finals of the sixth annual Swarthmore College Invitational Intercollegiate Indoor Tennis tournament Saturday.

Banks, Middle States junior champion, turned back the 15-year-old star in three sets, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. The Friends Central school player, by winning, avenged the setback Rothrock suffered the past year in the quarter-finals of the tourna-

Rothrock breezed through his first three tests in the tournament with ease and was rated a heavy favorite to defeat Banks.

ROWLAND GETS NEW JOB
WASHINGTON March 28 (P)—John H. (Bo) Rowland, 45, coach at Oklahoma City university, has been named head football coach at George Washington university.

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Instructions From Past Master



Peter Reiser (right), Dodger's outfielder in 1947, gets pointers on covering first base from George Sisler (left) at Vero Beach. Fred Sisler, considered one of the greatest first basemen of all time, now is a Brooklyn coach. Watching is Duke Snider, who was sent up from the Dodgers training camp with Reiser for special training.

White Brothers Fight In Lancaster Tonight

Pottstown's two amateur fighters, Willie and Encely White will once again display their ability to exchange punches in the ring tonight when they go to Lancaster to participate in an amateur show in St. Joseph's arena.

Willie, older of the two brothers, expected to weigh in around 155 pounds and will be pitted against another middleweight amateur.

Encely, who has been in the ring once, will tip the scale at 124 pounds and will face a fellow featherweight Bay.

The first game of the double-header brings together the Phillips Oilers, National AAU champions, and the runner-up Denver Nuggets. The second game pits Kentucky, NCAA winners, against runnerup Bay.

Kentucky Favored to Repeat Victory Over Baylor Five

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP)—Although tomorrow night's semi-finals in the Olympic basketball trials at Madison Square Garden, will, in effect, be a replay of the National AAU and NCAA finals, the results may be different this time.

The Oilers qualified for the semi-finals by thumping the prospect Park team of Brooklyn, YMCA champions, 74-32, last night. Denver advanced by squeezing past the Oakland Bittners 57-55 in an afternoon affair.

The powerful Wildcats, expected to be pushed hard by their Louisville neighbors, enjoyed a romp at the expense of the NAIB champions, 91-57, in the second game of the night doubleheader. A basket in the last 40 seconds gave Baylor a 59-57 edge over New York university in the finale of the day doubleheader.

KENTUCKY, which unleashed a tremendous display of power before 15,927 onlookers to crush Louisville, will be a heavy favorite to repeat over Baylor. However the Wildcats this time will find themselves faced with a determined and desperate opponent who will go all out to pull the upset of the year.

We were misinformed the last time we played Kentucky," Coach Bill Henderson said following Baylor's two-point win over the Violets. "All the coaches I spoke with cautioned me to use a slow, deliberate style against the Wildcats, stressing

HARBERT HAD ROUNDS of 66-66, 10-71, over the 640-yard, par 72, Myers Park club course. Middlecoff, after 67-67-68 efforts, fell off to par 72 when his putts failed to drop last time around.

Hilltop Basketeers Draw First Blood In Bethany Playoffs

Hilltop, defending champion, took a one-game edge over the Wildcats in the Bethany Recreation league playoffs Saturday afternoon, turning in a 36-26 victory on the Bethany center court.

The two teams will meet in the second game of the three game series Wednesday night. If Hilltop can win Wednesday, it can take its second consecutive title but a victory for the Wildcats will send the playoffs into the third game Saturday afternoon.

With Dave Brown setting the pace, Hilltop moved into a two-point lead in the first period and increased its lead as the game moved along. At halftime the defending champs were sporting a 17-14 lead and after three quarters it was 24-22.

Brown took scoring honors with 12 points on six field goals. Bill Erb and Al Corum were runners up with nine markers apiece. Walton and Flicker trailed with eight each.

Wildcats' G. P. Peeler, C. P. Rom. ch., C. P. Brown, C. P. Kicker, C. P. Erb, K. P. D. Totals, 10 6 26 Totals, 17 2 36 Wildcats 5 9 8 4-28 Hilltop 7 0 12 8-30 Shaver, Turner, Frame, Scorer, Howard.

3000 IN PENN RELAYS
PHILADELPHIA, March 28 (P)—Five hundred schools and colleges are expected to enter more than 3000 athletes in the 54th annual Penn Relays carnival April 23-24. Manager H. Jamison Swarts said the fact that this is an Olympic year "undoubtedly has a great bearing on the heavy entry list."

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STATE PLAYOFFS RESUME AFTER EASTER LAY-OFF

Norristown High Seeks
Eastern Title Tomorrow
In Battle With York

HARRISBURG, March 28 (P)—Following a brief Easter holiday lay-off, the four surviving contenders for the State Class A cageland championship return to action this week.

The four Class B survivors also resume play with the Eastern championship at stake tomorrow night, and the Western titleholder due for selection Tuesday.

Six titleholders will be picked in both classes before the end of the week, and the 1947-48 cageland campaign will move into history.

NORRISTOWN, making its first serious bid for a State championship, and York, winner of District Three honors for the first time in the history of the school, will clash in an unpredictable fray Tuesday night.

It should be a battle between two fine guards, with Norristown depending on "Doc" Cuno, candidate for All-State honors. York will have Jimmie Hamm in action and look to this fine guard to check the Norristown attack.

Ford City appears a trifle stronger than Westinghouse, with Coach Hubert Rupert relying on Ed Halas at center and John Portisch at guard to check anything the Pittsburgh city champions may offer.

THIS IS THE FIRST time either Western team has played in the Western finals, with Ford City upsetting the dope by winning the WPIAL crown from such strong contenders as Alquippa and McKeesport.

Irvine is defending champion in Class B, with Kane likely to furnish plenty of opposition in the Western finals. The Kane five won the District Nine Class A title the past year, and dropped back to Class B when the enrollment fell below the 500 mark. But most of the past year's players are still on the job for the fast-stepping Wolves and they may upset Irvine's hope of making it two straight.

SO EARLY MONDAY Cy will be up, helping with the chores on the 60-acre "arm of a friend and host, John Berendium only a stone's throw from his native home near Peotow, deep in Tuscarawas county hills.

In addition, Carpenter has a group of youngsters headed by son Curt Simmons.

"Our boys have the winning spirit," Carpenter said. "That's what counts."

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Obituaries

MRS. BEULAH M. (LESHER) MILLER, wife of Raymond B. Miller of 238 BEACH STREET, died yesterday morning in Pottstown hospital. She became a patient there the past March 18.

Mr. Miller was actively associated with his husband in his electrical business until six years ago. Miller sold his business at 27 North Hanover street one and one-half years ago.

Here in Reading Mrs. Miller moved here with her family in 1908. She was a charter member of Schuylkill chapter 328, Order of Eastern Star, and a charter member of the Pottstown branch of the Business and Professional Women's club.

In addition, she was active in the Trinity Reformed church, where she belonged to the Ladies Aid group, and was a member of the Woman's auxiliary of Pottstown.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Howard Shaffer, of Pottstown RD 2; two sisters, Miss Stella E. Lasher, of Reading, and Mrs. Rhea Jacobs of Joanna, Berks county; one brother, Claude A. Lasher, of Reading, and one grandchild.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street, with the Rev. John B. Frantz, pastor of the Trinity Reformed church, officiating.

Interment will be in Mt. Zion cemetery.

NORMAN H. MC LAUGHLIN, 61, SCHWENKVILLE, died Saturday afternoon at an illness.

Surviving are his wife, Irene, and the following children: Eleanor, wife of Elwood M. Wiedenbaug, of POTTS TOWN RD 4, died yesterday morning in a hospital in Morrisville after a lingering illness.

Born in Lower Pottsgrove township, Mrs. Wiedenbaug was a daughter of the late Isaac M. and Emma Mae (Reinhard) Yerger, and lived in this area throughout her lifetime.

She was a member of St. James Lutheran church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by the following children: Harry, 408 Chestnut street; Leroy, 343 Lincoln avenue; Norman, Gilbertsville RD 1; Maurice, Santanach; Beulah, wife of Gustav Trumppfeller, Philadelphia, and Pearl, wife of Raymond Boran, Philadelphia.

Funeral services will be held at a Trappe funeral home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in St. James cemetery, Schwenkville.

HARRISON H. ZIEGLER JR., 26, son of Mrs. Eliza H. Shanner, of the late Harrison Ziegler, SCHWENKVILLE, died in Temple university hospital, Philadelphia, yesterday. He had been confined in the Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, the past six years as an invalid.

Surviving, besides his mother, are the following sisters and brothers: Dorothy, San Diego, Calif.; William, Jonathan and Lucy, at home.

Funeral services will be held in Jerusalem Lutheran church, Schwenkville, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Schwenkville cemetery.

ELIZABETH (WILL) SHANNER, 87, wife of Lewis H. Shanner, for the past 62 years, died yesterday afternoon at their home, 308 NORTH YORK STREET, where they had lived for half a century.

A member of Emmanuel Lutheran church since 1898 Mrs. Shanner had not been active in any other community group, preferring to work hard all day in the house and garden and spend her evenings quietly with her family.

Her husband, who had worked in local plants until 1940 was 80, when blindness forced him to retire from his last job, with the Doeher-Jarvis corporation, and said that this quiet life, hard-working, was the basis of their long-lasting marriage.

"My wife always had open industries," he declared and went on to add. "My place when my day's work was over was with my family. We didn't need to belong to clubs or lodges—our family and home was enough." The couple had married after a four-year courtship when they lived on neighboring farms near Boyertown. She had been employed as a cigarina in a Boyertown factory, but became and remained a housewife after her marriage.

Shortly after they were married, they moved to Pottstown, living in three houses all within a few blocks of each other, on Fifth street, then farther out on York street and last at 338 North York street.

Mrs. Shanner was born near Sassafrasville, a daughter of the late Thomas and Marie (Young) Will.

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The acute hearing of blind Marine Corps veteran Jack George (right), Beaver Falls, averted possible railroad disaster near his home when he detected a strange noise on the tracks as a train was passing and asked his father (Griffith George (left)) to investigate. A 12-inch section of track was found to be broken off. The youth, holding a flashlight and an oil lantern, was left to flag down any approaching train while his father telephoned railroad officials.

Former Pottstown policeman and constable and busman of the late Catharine (Taggart) Stour, were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 139 High street.

The Rev. Howard A. Kosman, pastor of Zion's Reformed church, officiated. Interment was made in Pennsburg Reformed church cemetery.

Bearers were William Stour, Douglas Bean, Arthur McCarron, John Dorerer, John Shuler and Charles Stour.

Man Feared Drowned In Schuylkill Crash

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—Motor harbor police searched the murky waters of the Schuylkill river this Easter Sunday for the body of a man believed drowned in a windblown collision that sank the tug Caspian.

Elmer Lynch, 56-year-old mate of the Caspian, was still missing after a lengthy search late yesterday and today. Five others hurried from the tug were rescued.

Spokesmen for the harbor police said the Caspian was towing the Scotch freighter Coulouer from a pier when a sudden gust of wind blew the tug into the freighter's propeller. The vessel sank quickly to the bottom in 40 feet of water.

Another tug, the Arabia, aiding in easing the Coulouer from its pier, rescued the five crewmen who were flung into the river.

Funeral services for **FLORENCE MABEL (SNYDER) BRITTEN**, wife of Lt. Col. Daniel L. Britten, of CLEVELAND, OHIO, former Pottstown resident who intended to return from the Army in June and reside here were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street.

The Rev. James D. Matchette, pastor of Searles Memorial Methodist church officiated and interment was made in Mt. Zion cemetery.

Bearers were six members of Sustainer Lodge 254, F and AM; Douglas Nichols, Harold LeBaron, John Weber, James Miller, Francis Hutt Sr. and George Filman.

Funeral services for **EARL M. SMALE**, husband of Helen T. (ex-Smale) Smale, of 556 FARMINGTON AVENUE, were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street.

Officiating was the Rev. Luther A. Krouse, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church. Interment was made in Highland Memorial park.

Bearers were Horace Smale, Ralph Smale, Leonard Smale, Warren Rogers, Owen D. Shoots and Joseph Myers.

Funeral services for **GEORGE S. STOLT**, 602 SPRUCE STREET,



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Wisconsin GOP Primary Stumps Experts; Dewey, Stassen and MacArthur All Strong

MADISON, WIS., March 28 (AP)—Wisconsin's presidential delegate race—just nine days away—is shaping up as a three-way affair in which any of the entrants could win—or be left at the post.

The state's primary April 6 will send 27 delegates to the national Republican convention at Philadelphia. Candidates pledged to the New Yorker announced his decision to make a brief campaign in the state. Backers of MacArthur and Stassen nailed the decision as an indication of weakness in the Dewey camp and a reversal of previous campaign strategy.

Dewey got 15 delegates from Wisconsin in 1944 without campaigning and subsequently got 24 of the state's 24 delegates at the national convention. Stassen had four delegates that year and MacArthur had three while two were unentered.

Since political leaders who have followed elections and trends closely for years are as puzzled over the possible outcome as is the man on the street.

"You hear a lot of MacArthur talk," one close observer commented, "but you can't discount the fact that Stassen has been working hard in the state and Dewey has consistently been strong here."

"ANY ONE of the three candidates could win all, half or no delegates. You just can't figure it out."

Stassen has been campaigning for nearly three weeks in Wisconsin and plans to continue to the eve of the election. He has been drawing good crowds at all of his appearances and has invited questions on no-holds-barred basis.

Such campaigning often pays off in this state but there have been exceptions. The late Wendell Willkie stumped the state in 1944 much as Stassen now is doing. He wound up without winning a delegate and subsequently withdrew from the race.

Although the state Republican organization has remained out of the delegate race Stassen has been given active support by several GOP leaders.

IN AN INFORMAL newspaper poll of GOP young workers at Wausau the past week, 51 percent of those present said that thought Stassen would win in their communities. Twenty-seven percent thought Dewey would get the nomination; 19 percent favored MacArthur and the rest were divided.

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Pair Crushed to Death As Building Collapses

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 28 (AP)—A three-story brick building recently crumpled today and two persons were crushed to death in the wreckage. Three others were injured.

The building in the factory section of Jersey City, collapsed at 7:05 a.m. It took police and firemen more than two hours before they could remove the bodies of Daniel LaGaipa, 64, and his wife, Josefine, 54.

The rescuers pulled out the LaGaipa's children, 24, Anna, 18, and Joan, 14. The two girls were taken to Jersey City Medical center for treatment for shock, bruises and irritation of the eyes from plaster dust. The boy was more seriously hurt. It required an hour of digging before he could be rescued and taken to the medical plane.

The family lived on the third floor of the structure. The first floor was occupied by a grocery store. It was empty at the time.

The family had been living in the building for three years.

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